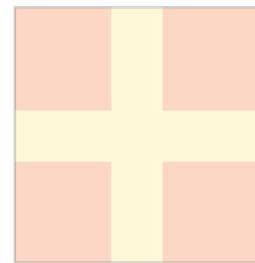


# BIG NEWS

Boating Infrastructure Grant



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## Molly Pitcher Inn Marina, Red Bank, prepares for BIG Tier One funds

The historic Molly Pitcher Inn is one of America's most elegant waterfront hotels and cruising destinations. Located on the scenic Navesink River in the Borough of Red Bank, New Jersey, the Inn provides numerous recreational, cultural, dining and entertainment opportunities for tourists and boaters alike.

As a result of FY 2009 funds that became available when another marina decided to cancel its project, Molly Pitcher Inn Marina was awarded \$93,581 for a Phase 1 National Boating infrastructure Grant (BIG). This project will add five new slips to the Inn's marina. These slips will be dedicated for use and will alleviate the marina's current shortage of large slips accommodating transient boaters. Also, it will afford transient boaters an opportunity to participate in the areas numerous attractions – including its unique waterfront, restaurants, boutiques, galleries, theatres, street fairs, night clubs, recreational facilities and coastal parks. When linked with other, comparable venues, the project could provide transient boaters an eclectic touring itinerary along the northeast corridor – increasing the frequency of inter-state boating and stimulating inter-state tourism/commerce.

A planned Phase 2 construction will add an entry, gangway and floating dock to bring the marina into compliance with the Americans with Disability Act. This project will provide a great benefit to the community by providing access for physically disabled boaters to both the new transient slips and to the Marina's long-term slips. Currently, such accessible boating facilities are in short supply.



Molly Pitcher Inn Marina, Red Bank

## Riverside Marina Site receives preliminary consideration for grant approval

Last summer, New Jersey Department of Transportation Office of Maritime Resources (NJDOT/OMR) staff met with officials from the Riverside Marina Site in Atlantic City. NJDOT/OMR is considering a proposal they have submitted for Tier One FY 2012 BIG Program funding.

The proposal, in the amount of \$100,000.00, is to support Phase 1 of the construction of the Riverside Marina, located near the Route 30 gateway of Atlantic City. The Riverside Marina Redevelopment Plan envisions transient boat slips, a floating pier, bulkhead improvements and other amenities. The proposed marina is part of a larger

Redevelopment project that will include other waterfront uses and non-residential uses.

There are only two marinas in Atlantic City that offer transient docking facilities and this project would provide much needed infrastructure to attract additional visitors to the area. A new marina would provide transient boat slips in close proximity of the casinos and historic and cultural points of interest. Tier One funding would support the design and initial construction of the marina. Additionally, the funding would be leveraged by other resources that have been secured, and are being pursued, by the City.

## Grassy Sound Marina completes its BIG FY 2003 project

At long last! The Tier One Grassy Sound Marina Project, in North Wildwood, has been completed. The atypical length of time to finish the project was due primarily to the amount of time it took to complete its slightly complicated permitting process.

In FY 2003, Grassy Sound Marina was awarded \$75,000.00 to partially fund the installation of nine new transient boat slips. The estimated cost to do the installation was \$195,000.00. Included in the project was the construction of a 420 foot fixed access dock and one 1,000 square foot floating dock structure dedicated entirely to the nine transient slips. With this grant funding, Grassy Sound Marina was able to transform the facility from an underutilized small craft facility with failing infrastructure, to a modern full-service marina that is a destination for transient and resident boaters alike.

Owners Debbie and Jim Mooers state:

"We are incredibly thankful for this program and appreciate all of the staff's hard work and patience in working with us. We are happy to provide available transient slips to the boating public."








Grassy Sound Marina, North Wildwood

## BIG FY 2013 Letters of Interest

NJDOT/OMR is currently accepting Letters of Interest for the BIG program. Letters of Interest should be in Microsoft Word, no more than two pages. They may be e-mailed as an attachment to [Linda.Forrester@dot.state.nj.us](mailto:Linda.Forrester@dot.state.nj.us)

Interested parties MUST first read the NBIG regulations @ <http://federalaid.fws.gov/BIG/bigfinalrule.pdf>

The following information must be included:

-  Contact information, project location, and other pertinent details.
-  A brief project description, including scope of the project with specific concern for the needs of recreational boats 26 feet or more and the transient nature of the project.
-  A realistic cost estimate for the concept.
-  A list of potential sponsor(s) for the local match, 25%
-  Whether the applicant plans to apply for Tier 1 or Tier 2 funding.

**Additional application information can be found at:**

[http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/maritime/marine\\_trades.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/maritime/marine_trades.shtml)

Once a project is accepted, the due date for draft proposals is July 25, 2012. Final proposals are due August 15, 2012 to the Office of Maritime Resources.

## The NJDOT has received over \$3 million to date in BIG funds for these marinas:

Belmar Municipal Marina  
FY 2002\*, 2003\*, 2007

Farley State Marina  
FY 2002\*

Seaview Harbor Marina  
FY 2003\*

Grassy Sound Marina  
FY 2003\*

Palisades Interstate Park Commission  
FY 2005\*, 2010

Key Harbor Marina  
FY 2006\*

NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources  
FY 2007, 2008

Molly Pitcher Inn Marina  
FY 2009

Trader's Cove Marina  
FY 2010



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